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KEY

Mr. BLIGH said, in considering the resolution which had been proposed by the members of the House and which appeared to him that the House and had nothing whatever to do with the enquiry now pending before the committee, or the conduct of that committee in the appointment of Mr. Poole, who was the subject which had been considered by the committee, the Council was the conduct of the City Commissioners in reference to a particular letter sent to them by the committee, in reference to Mr. Poole, who was appointed to make a preliminary enquiry into the works of the sewerage department. It did appear to him that the member for Cork and Westmoreland had been too hasty in the matter altogether. (Cries of "Hear, hear.") He looked upon the matter as a different light to the light in which it was before the House and he thought that the members of the House might be better informed than the members of the Council. He thought the members of the House committee might be better informed than the general body of the members as to the conduct of

Mr. DONALDSON said he had listened with great interest to the various arguments that had been advanced by hon. members in reference to the subject before the House. The debate had come suddenly upon hon. members. Not being a member of that select committee, he was not aware that such a question would be brought forward. He could not, he thought, select him, he would very sincerely bear testimony to the self-denial and hard labour of select committees and claimed for them every consideration on the part of the House and the public. He would not, however, say that the services and the devotion of their valuable time; on the other hand, he should be very sorry for the House in a hasty manner, even on such grounds as appeared to have been shown in this motion, to stop over

member of the Attorney-General and the hon. member for Northumberland had in the course of their remarks introduced the subject of the skew-bridge; but as they had done so, he would ask them whether that bridge had not fallen down or given way; and he would further ask the hon. and learned member, what would have been the consequences had not the House appointed a select committee to inquire into the matter.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL said that he had not made any particular allusion to the skew-bridge, but had merely referred to the complaints made of the railway works in general, which had turned out to be false.

M^r. FLOOD said he would accept that denial, but that work had been most emphatically alluded to by the hon. member for Northumberland, and he would again ask what would have been the consequences had not the House appointed a select committee to inquire into the matter.

the enquiry—he would not deem it necessary to press the motion; seeing, too, that under all the circumstances, the object in view was substantially gained, he would ask the permission of the House to withdraw the motion.

The motion was then withdrawn.

On the motion of the ATTORNEY-GENERAL the House went into committee for the further consideration of the Bill for Registering Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

The seventh clause was first brought under consideration, providing that the registrar-general and the district registrars should receive certain fees for the duties of their offices; in addition to the fixed salaries provided for such officers; certain fees were excepted from this provision, and the ATTORNEY-GENERAL has now proposed to omit this clause. The General has also proposed to amend the clause relating to the BISHOP and the MAR-
TIN, on the ground, that the principle of paying Ge-

and Harbottle to direct particular attention to the extensive sales, this day, at the Bank Auction Room, comprising old toon, sherry, port, ale and porter (in bottle), Martell's brandy, B. F. rum, loaf sugar, hop oilmen's stores, groceries, &c.—A.S.V.

November.—Golden Spring, for Sydney: 100,000 feet timber.
November 8.—Mary Grant, for Sydney: 60,000 feet timber.
7000 planks, 6000 shingles.
(From the Tasmanian Papers.)
The following extract of a letter, under date (about)
November 8, was received in town yesterday morning from B.

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